

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 309

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Spanish Heritage" specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.202, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Spanish Heritage" special prestige plate; to provide for creation,
4 issuance, implementation, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation
5 applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.202 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §463.202. Special prestige license plate; "Spanish Heritage"

9 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
10 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Spanish
11 Heritage" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
12 plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
13 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

14 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Canary Islanders
15 Heritage Society of Louisiana and the Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society to
16 select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S.
17 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include an image of a red bull with the words
18 "Spanish Heritage".

19 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
20 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

1 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
 2 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee
 3 shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,
 4 Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and
 5 fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
 6 administrative costs.

7 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
 8 to the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana and the Los Islenos Heritage
 9 and Cultural Society in equal amounts.

10 F. The secretary shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are
 11 necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

12 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
 13 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
 14 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
 15 plates.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Spanish Heritage" special prestige license plate. Provides for fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, the design of the license plate, and the promulgation of rules.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "Spanish Heritage" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of La. and the Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Spanish Heritage".

Proposed law specifies that the license plate be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the department to forward the royalty monies to the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of La. and the Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society in equal amounts.

Proposed law requires the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

Proposed law requires the office of motor vehicles to create the special prestige plate provided for in proposed law when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.202)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Require the Dept. of Public Safety, office of motor vehicles, to create the special prestige license plate provided for in this instrument when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.